



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Advisory Committee; Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research; Renewal

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; renewal of Federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the renewal of the Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner). The Commissioner has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research for an additional 2 years beyond the charter expiration date. The new charter will be in effect until the June 2, 2024, expiration date.

DATES: Authority for the Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research will expire on June 2, 2024, unless the Commissioner formally determines that renewal is in the public interest.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.65 and approval by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant and by the General Services Administration, FDA is announcing the renewal of the Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research (the Committee). The Committee is a discretionary Federal advisory committee established to provide advice to the Commissioner. The Committee advises the Commissioner or designee in discharging responsibilities as they relate to helping to ensure safe

and effective drugs for human use and, as required, any other product for which FDA has regulatory responsibility.

The Committee advises the Director, NCTR, in establishing, implementing, and evaluating research programs that assist the Commissioner in fulfilling his regulatory responsibilities. The Committee provides an extra-agency review in ensuring that the research programs at NCTR are scientifically sound and pertinent.

The Committee shall consist of a core of nine voting members including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or designee from among authorities knowledgeable in the fields of toxicological research. Members will be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to 4 years. Almost all non-Federal members of this committee serve as Special Government Employees. Federal members will be appointed as Regular Government Employees or Ex-Officios. The core of voting members may include one technically qualified member, selected by the Commissioner or designee, who is identified with consumer interests and is recommended by either a consortium of consumer-oriented organizations or other interested persons.

The Commissioner or designee shall have the authority to select members of other scientific and technical FDA advisory committees (normally not to exceed 10 members) to serve temporarily as voting members and to designate consultants to serve temporarily as voting members when: (1) expertise is required that is not available among current voting standing members of the Committee (when additional voting members are added to the Committee to provide needed expertise, a quorum will be based on the combined total of regular and added members) or (2) to comprise a quorum when, because of unforeseen circumstances, a quorum is or will be lacking. Because of the size of the Committee and the variety in the types of issues that it will consider, FDA may, in connection with a particular committee meeting, specify a quorum that is less than a majority of the current voting members. The Agency's regulations (21 CFR 14.22(d)) authorize a committee charter to specify quorum requirements.

If functioning as a medical device panel, an additional non-voting representative member of consumer interests will be included in addition to the voting members.

Further information regarding the most recent charter and other information can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/toxicological-research-science-advisory-board-national-center-toxicological-research/charter-science-advisory-board-national-center-toxicological-research> or by contacting the Designated Federal Officer (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). In light of the fact that no change has been made to the committee name or description of duties, no amendment will be made to 21 CFR 14.100.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). For general information related to FDA advisory committees, please visit us at <http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm>.

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Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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